

**Transforming Vision to Reality:
The Potential Power of
Partnerships**

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Texas

**a land of
diverse geography . . .**





**a land of
diverse people...**



with a rural past...

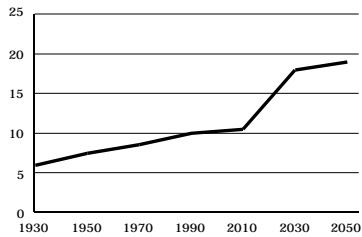


**and an increasingly
urban future...**



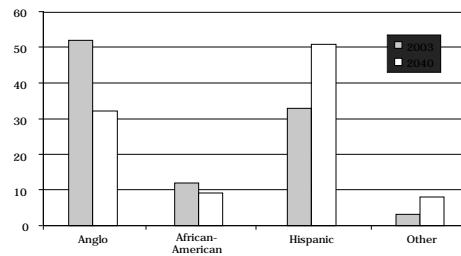
An Aging Population

Percentage of U.S. Population over Age 65



Source: From Baby Boom to Elder Boom: Providing Health Care for an Aging Population
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Texas Population 2003 and 2040 (projected)



Source: Texas State Data Center, Texas A&M University.

**a 1200-mile border
with Mexico...**



Five Goals

- Improving immunization rates
- Focusing on fitness
- Eliminating health disparities
- Better preparing for public health disasters and bioterrorism
- Improving our business practices



A Series of Challenges...

Texas has:

- an area of .25 million square miles
- a 1200-mile international border
- 254 counties
- dozens of home-rule cities
- hundreds of governmental agencies

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Trained partners
- Doubled bioterrorism response labs
- Staffed labs with a microbiologist 24/7
- Added coverage to HAN
- Established partnerships with neighboring states and Mexico

Texas-Mexico Border Region

If this region were a state, it would...

- Rank last in access to health care.
- Rank 2nd in death rates from hepatitis.
- Rank 3rd in deaths related to diabetes.



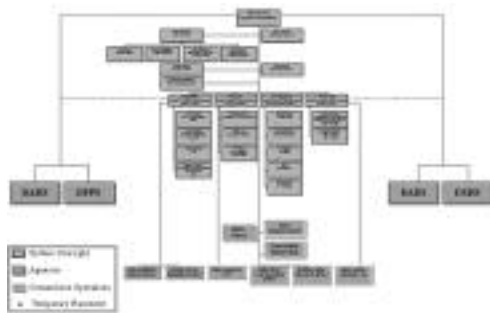




U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission

- 2 countries
- 10 states
- 14 sister cities
- 12 million people

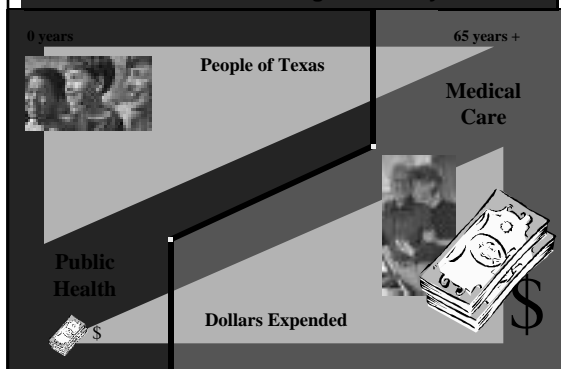
Organization Chart – April 2004



Texas Department of State Health Services

- Texas Department of Health
- Mental Health
- Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Health Care: Are We Getting Our Money's Worth?



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Partners Include:

- United Way
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association of Texas
- Texas Medical Association
- Texas Association of Nurses
- Mental Health Association of Texas
- Hospitals
- Foundations
- Educational institutions
- Community organizations

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Health Status Goals:

- Promote healthy nutrition and physical activity
- Promote healthy choices with regard to risky behavior
- Recognize mental health as a public health issue

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Health Status Goals:

- Increase rates of high school graduation, adult literacy, and college attendance to improve socioeconomic and health status
- Reduce health threats due to environmental and consumer hazards
- Reduce infectious disease

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Health System Goals By 2010:

- Ensure public health services are available in all Texas communities
- Ensure collaboration between governmental and non-governmental entities to meet public health needs
- Educate Texas communities regarding the structure, function and availability of public health resources

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Health System Goals By 2010:

- Train the public health system workforce to meet evolving public health needs
- Develop funding flexibility to efficiently and effectively meet community needs
- Develop a statewide data collection and reporting system for health indicators to guide decision-making



Roles of the Texas Department of Health

- Serve as the convening organization
- Focus on setting priorities
- Hold people and organizations together
- Treat our priorities and accountability process with the highest integrity

